

SUMMER 2023



CITY OF 
Willmar
PARKS & RECREATION

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Willmar MN 56201
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Weather Cancellation
320-441-1080

Let's Go!

Summer 2023

No programs July 3-7

Please register
your child for the
grade they have
just completed!

Football
registration
please register for
grade going into!



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Mission Statement

The Willmar Parks & Recreation Department is committed to the development and maintenance of robust parks and trail systems. With a wide variety of quality year-round recreational programs and activities for all ages. Our aim is to help provide opportunities for all ages; from nature to athletics, there is something for everyone.



EVENTS & RECREATION *Center*

RENT WITH US



Gym

Rent the multipurpose gym for your event! The gym has the capability of 2 full-size basketball courts, 2 full-size volleyball courts, 2 full-size tennis courts, and 8 pickleball courts.



Community Room

Rent the community room for your meeting, event and more! The room is equipped with a high-quality smart tv and sound system. Tables and chairs are provided for a capacity of 30.



Meeting Room

There are 2 meeting rooms that can be separated by a partition or used as one big room. Also equipped with a high quality smart tv and sound system, these rooms are perfect for your event!



CONTACT US

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RENT Shelters

4 SEASON
SHELTER

ROBBINS ISLAND & RICE PARK



RICE PARK



GURI SHELTER



SHELTER 1

RENTAL INCLUDES:

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full day rentals, tables and chairs
provided, electricity in all shelters.
Each shelter has different amenities
and pricing, so please check online
while you are booking.



HILLTOP SHELTER



SHELTER 2

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT US:

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Outdoor Fitness

Park

Coming Summer 2023

Sperry Park



FITNESS STUDIO

- Yoga
- Dance
- Zumba
- Pilates
- Stretch




FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

- Core
- Squat
- Push
- Lunge
- Pull
- Agility
- Bend




MURAL PAINTING

Opportunity for local artist to showcase
their art on the court divider



DOROTHY OLSON AQUATIC CENTER



SUNDAY-SATURDAY 12-7PM

- Chaise Lounges
- Umbrellas
- Concessions
- Kiddie Slide
- Two towering water slides
- Six lane 25-yard pool
- Two 12ft climbing walls
- Zero-Depth pool



**1601 22ND ST SW WILLMAR, MN
56201 320-441-2018**



Admission is \$3 for a day pass. Season passes range from \$90 for individuals to \$170 for a family of six, additional family members are \$15 each.



Birthday Party Rentals Available



Follow us on Facebook-Dorothy Olson Aquatic Center

https://www.willmarmn.gov/parks_and_trails/dorothy_olson_aquatic_center.php

LITTLE FISH SWIM HOUR

Bring in your littlest fish for this swim hour. Ages 5 and under will have the pool to themselves. Someone 16 years or older must be with them in the water.

Kiddie & shallow pool area will be available to introduce littles to the water!

Mondays, June 26, July 10, 24 & August 7

10:30-11:30AM

\$3/session or
Pool Pass



DIVE-IN MOVIES

Enjoy FREE admission to the pool and a FREE movie! Concessions will be available to purchase. Stay tuned for movie choices!

Friday, June 30 8:30PM

Friday, July 21 8PM

LAP SWIMMING

Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30-9:30AM

Saturdays 8-10AM

\$3/day or 10 punch pass for \$25





MAY-SEPTEMBER 2023

Bike Willmar provides low-cost rides for the community to ride to work, run errands, or access recreational destinations throughout the community.

Rental hours: Sunday & Saturdays: 6:00a-8:00p, Monday-Friday: 5:00a-8:00p

How to Rent

1. Download the Koloni app on a mobile device
2. Search the map to find a bike docking location
3. Rent a bike by scanning the bike QR code
4. Return a bike to a docking location and lock it

Bike Docking Locations

- Glacial Lakes State Trail Head
- Robbins Island Regional Park
- Miller Park-Selvig Park
- MinnWest Technology Campus
- Willmar Lakes Area CVB
- Archery Park-19th AVE
- Swansson Field
- Rice Park
- Southfield Park
- Ridgewater Campus

Issues? Questions? Call/text our BikeHelp Phones:
Phone #1: 320-979-3262
Phone #2: 320-979-4035

FUN *at the* PARKS



TUESDAYS. & THURSDAYS
JUNE 13-JULY 27
1-4PM

FREE

Join Parks and Recreation staff at Miller Park on Tuesdays and Rice Park on Thursdays for Fun at the Park. Activities include reading stories, physical education games, arts and crafts, Tie-Dyeing T-shirts, lawn games, board games, and more. For Pre-K-6th Graders.



GAMES ON DECK



Join Parks and Recreation Staff at the Dorothy Olson Aquatic Center on Mondays and Wednesdays for Games on Deck! Play a variety of water, yard, and pool games. \$3 admission into the pool. Season passes are available.

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
JUNE 12-JULY 26
1-4PM



\$3 POOL ADMISSION OR A SEASON POOL PASS

Sports Sampler

Our sports sampler is a fun and relaxed way to learn several sports and games including baseball, soccer, and more!

Come and join in the fun!

For ages 2-5.

June 12- July 26

Mondays

5:30-6:30PM

Tuesdays

5:30-6:30PM

Wednesdays

5:30-6:30PM

\$22

Miller Park



T-Ball

Join us for a fun and relaxed introduction to T-ball! This program will teach your player the basics of T-ball: throwing, catching, and hitting off a T while having fun. Bring a glove and water. For 4 and 5 year olds.

June 15- July 27

Thursdays 10-11AM

Willmar Middle School

\$30

Thursdays 5:30-6:30PM

Willmar Middle School

\$30

Kinderball

Rec staff will teach your kindergarteners proper hitting, throwing, fielding, and base running techniques. Staff will encourage having fun and playing together. Bring a glove and a water bottle. Wednesdays will be game days starting in July.

June 12- July 26

Mon. & Wed 9-10AM

Swansson Field-Green

\$30

Mon. & Wed 5:30-6:30PM

Swansson Field-Green

\$30

Little Hitters Baseball

This fun baseball experience will provide your 1st or 2nd grade child with the basic fundamentals of hitting, catching, throwing, fielding, running the bases, and more. Bring a glove & water.

June 12- July 26

Night games July 12, 19 & 26 @ 6PM

Grade 1

Mon. & Wed

10:15-11:15AM

Swansson Field-Green

\$32

Grade 2

Mon. & Wed

11:30AM-12:30PM

Swansson Field-Green

\$32

Baseball Pitching Camp

This is an advanced pitching clinic that will go over arm care techniques, medicine ball work, weighted ball work, things to look for in pitching as well as developing certain pitches.

**5th-10th Graders
Tuesdays and Thursdays
June 13-29
9-11AM
Swansson Orange Field
\$70**



6U & 8U Softball

Softball practices will begin on June 13th and games will be played in July. Participants will learn basic softball skills, which include throwing, catching, hitting, base running and more. Games will be Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 27 between 5:30 and 7:30.

Tuesdays & Thursdays June 13-July 27

6U-5:30-6:30PM

8U-6:30-7:30PM

\$40

Softball Pitching Class

Whether you are a beginning or advanced pitcher, this clinic is for you. Willmar graduate, Callie Danielson, is a certified Tincher instructor who has been working with pitchers for 14 years, including three years of coaching at the collegiate level. She will be teaching foundational pitching skills that will help any pitcher reach their potential. Sessions will include utilizing your muscle groups effectively and practical application for increasing speed. Participants must bring a catcher.

Tuesdays June 13, 20 & 27

8U & 10U 9-10AM

12U, 14U, 16U & 18U 10-11AM

REC Field 1

\$45

Youth Tennis

This tennis program will teach the basic tennis skills and fundamentals that will help break them down through fun games and exercises. This will help the player's coordination, technique, and game.

June 13- July 27

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Grades K-1: 11AM-12PM

Grades 2-3: 12:15-1:15PM

Grades 4-5: 1:30-2:30PM

Miller Park Tennis Courts

\$20

Basketball FUNdamentals

This is a great way to keep basketball on your mind and practice drills during the off-season.

Join Parks and Rec staff in learning the skills and fundamentals of the game.

Tuesdays & Thursdays June 20-July 20

K-2nd Grade: 3-4PM

3rd-5th Grade: 4-5PM

Events & Recreation Center

\$22

Little Cardinal Boys Basketball Camp

Cardinal Basketball Camp is designed to offer top-quality instruction in the fundamentals of basketball with basketball coach Jeff Holtkamp, his coaching staff, and his players. In addition to learning the fundamentals, activities such as shooting competitions, 3 on 3 League, Lighting League, and a Game League will be included. Each camper will receive a T-shirt.

Monday, June 12-Thursday June 15

Pre-K-3rd Grades-8-9AM \$55

4th-6th Grades-9:15-10:45PM \$65

7th-9th Grades- 11AM-12:30PM \$65

Willmar Senior High School Gym

Little Cardinal Girls Basketball Camp

Cardinal Girls Basketball coach Brendan Hedtke, and his staff and varsity players will teach fundamental basketball skills and play a variety of different basketball games modified for their age level. This is a great way to build skills and a love for the game. All girls entering kindergarten through 7th grade are welcome!

Monday, July 10-Thursday July 13

Going into K-3rd Grades-9-10AM \$55

Going into 4th-7th Grades-10:15-12PM \$65

Events & Recreation Center

HYPE Girls

Basketball Clinic

Bring your game to the next level this offseason with HYPE Basketball Workouts! HYPE Basketball specializes in the development of young female athletes by providing the tools they need to improve their game both on and off the court.

Each session includes one hour of small group skill enhancement workouts followed by an hour of mindset coaching and development. Athletes will work on fundamental aspects of basketball such as dribbling, shooting, and passing while also working on more advanced techniques such as footwork, ball handling, and various scoring strategies.

For this session, HYPE is excited to partner with Bearcat Mindset Coaching to help young athletes understand how their mind influences performance and how to apply mental strategies to help them perform their best in competition. Topics such as goal setting, self-esteem and personal confidence, motivational styles, emotional control and relaxation, and mental toughness will be covered over the course of each session.

HYPE Basketball believes that all kids have the ability to be great. Kids have big dreams. Let's help them achieve them.

All sessions will be held on Mondays in June. Space is limited to 10 athletes per session.

Mondays, June 5-26

5th & 6th Grade

5:30-6:30PM-HYPE

**Workout & Skill
Development**

**6:30-7:30PM-Bearcat
Mindset Coaching**

7th & 8th Grade

5:30-6:30PM-Bearcat

Mindset Coaching

6:30-7:30PM-HYPE

**Workout & Skill
Development**

Recreation & Events Center

\$135

Little Cardinal Golf

Participants will get the opportunity to learn the game of golf through instruction, fun drills, and a variety of games. We will focus on all aspects of golf including putting, chipping, and the entire golf swing. Our goal is for your little golfer to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of golf. This year we will be at Eagle Creek for each session and will end the summer program with a tournament! Must provide your own clubs.

**Fridays, June 9, 16, 23 & 30
Wednesdays, July 12, 19, 26 &
August 2**

K-2nd Grade	3rd-6th Grade
8:30-9:30AM	9:45-11AM

**Eagle Creek Golf Course: Meet at
the driving range**

\$60

Summer Gymnastics

Classes will be instructed by Willmar High School Coach Torrie Heitzman and staff. If you have questions about which class to register your child in, please email Torrie Heitzman at heitzmant@willmar.k12.mn.us. All sessions held at the Willmar Senior High School. Please use the West Entrance.

Beginner

Open to girls ages 4 - 6, this class will introduce athletes to beginner gymnastics movements on each event. Athletes will develop strength, flexibility and body awareness throughout the class.

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>
June 12-15	June 19-22	July 17-20	July 24-27
9-9:50AM	9-9:50AM	9-9:50AM	9-9:50AM
\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45

Intermediate

This course is for girls ages 5 and up that can currently do a handstand and cartwheel on the floor and pull over on the bars. Gymnasts in this class will work back hip circle and squat-on on bars, bridge kick over, back walkover and round off on floor, and jumps and turns on beam.

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>
June 12-15	June 19-22	July 17-20	July 24-27
10-10:50AM	10-10:50AM	10-10:50AM	10-10:50AM
\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45

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Advanced

This course is for girls ages 5 and up that can do a backwalkover independently on the floor. In this class athletes will work skills such as kips, flyaways, back handsprings, back tucks, etc.

Session 1

June 12, 14, 19, 21 & 26

11AM-12:30PM

\$90

Session 2

July 10, 17, 19, 24 & 26

11AM-12:30PM

\$90

High School

For girls going into 7- 12 grade and who are enrolled at Willmar High School.

Tuesdays

**June 13, 20, July 11, 18
& 25**

5-7:15PM

\$100

Thursdays

June 15, 22, 29, July 20 & 27

11AM-1:15PM

\$100

Co-Ed Middle **School Kickball**

Come and join us for fun while playing the game of kickball. Get 5 boys and 5 girls to create a co-ed team! Regardless of what skill level you are at in kickball, you will have a fun experience. A T-shirt is provided.

For Grades 6th-8th.

Wednesdays, June 14- July 26
6-7PM

West Turf Field
\$70/team



Cardinal Speed Camp

Back for a second summer, Cardinal Speed is a supplemental training program to the existing "Cardinal Conditioning." This program will work to enhance athletic performance by improving running mechanics, acceleration and top speed for all 6th-12th grade athletes. Workouts will include running mechanics through warm-ups and various speed work-outs to improve agility(side-to-side) and linear(straight) acceleration and sped. The program will also work to increase flexibility and hip mobility.

Mondays-Thursdays June 12-July 27

No sessions week of July 4

- 6:15-7AM 10th-12th Grade
- 7:15-8AM 10th-12th Grade
- 8:15-9AM 10th-12th Grade
- 9:15-10AM 6th-9th Grade
- 10:15-11AM 6th-9th Grade

**Turf Fields
\$100**



CENTRAL MN WRESTLING CAMP

The Central MN Area Camp is intended to provide our local area wrestlers with more opportunities to gain quality wrestling experience with new practice partners while keeping it affordable and convenient. Local area coaches, collegiate wrestlers, and alumni will be the clinicians leading technique and instruction. One of our goals is to increase the coach to wrestler ratio at camp, which will improve instruction and is a great opportunity for coaches and wrestlers to learn together to increase the strong tradition of wrestling in our area! Each day of camp will consist of a session of technique and drills and a session of live wrestling and competition.

Monday-Thursday, July 24-27

7th-12th Grade

9-11AM

Willmar Senior High School West Gym

\$50-includes a t-shirt



Willmar Youth Wrestling Camp

The High School coaching staff and wrestlers will be hosting a camp for youth wrestlers. Participants will learn basic techniques taught in the high school program. This is a great opportunity for new wrestlers to try the sport and for current wrestlers to gain more experience and mat time!

Monday-Thursday, July 24-27

11:30AM-12:30PM

K-6th Grade

\$50-includes a t-shirt

Willmar Senior High School West Gym



Soccer on the Turf

Come and join the rec staff and learn the basics of soccer skills kicking, passing, dribbling, and scoring. This six-week course will be about skill development and having fun.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

June 13-July 27

Kindergarten: 9-10AM

1st Grade: 10-11AM

2nd Grade: 11AM-12PM

3rd & 4th Grade: 12-1PM

West Turf Field

\$30

Little Cardinal **Soccer Camp**

The Willmar Senior High School Soccer program will be hosting it's annual Little Cardinal Soccer Camp for younger, developing players. Willmar HS Boy's soccer coach, Jeff Winter will direct with the assistance of current high school players. These skills will be practiced through fun and creative games.

**Monday, July 24, Tuesday, July 25, Thursday, July 27 &
Friday, July 28**

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: 8-9AM

3rd-5th Grade: 9:15-10:45AM

6th-8th Grade: 11A M-1PM

West Turf Field

\$40

Youth Grass Volleyball Camp

**Come and join us for a
volleyball camp on the grass.
Learn multiple volleyball skills
and techniques while having
fun playing volleyball.**

Monday, June 5-Friday, June 9

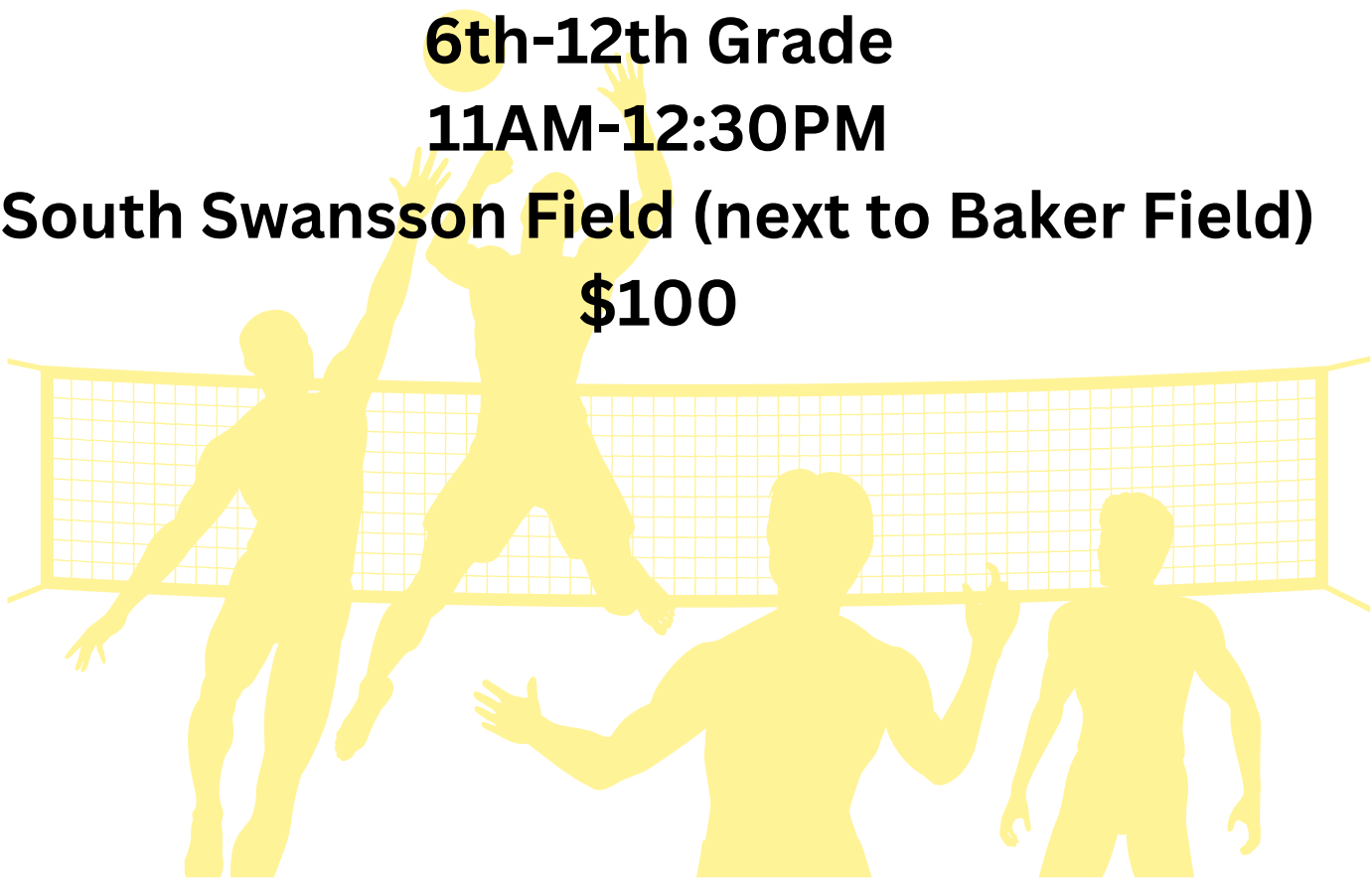
1st-5th Grade: 9:30-11AM

6th-12th Grade

11AM-12:30PM

South Swansson Field (next to Baker Field)

\$100



Willmar Volleyball Camp

Join our head volleyball coach, Leah Brogdon and Technical Director at University of Nevada Las Vegas, Steve Rindfleisch for a volleyball camp. It will cover fundamentals of passing, setting, serving, attacking, and blocking. It will also focus on techniques for transition, team defense, and team offense, while also competing and having fun! This camp will also feature team sessions which will teach techniques for mental resilience as well as how to build team culture. Please bring a water bottle and lunch to have between sessions.

July 10-12

9AM-4PM Grades 7-12

Willmar Senior High School

\$180

Junior Cardinal **Volleyballers**

Join Willmar head volleyball coach, Leah Brogdon, the Willmar Volleyball assistant coaches, as well as the Willmar Cardinal Volleyball players. This camp will introduce fundamentals of passing, setting, serving, attacking, and blocking. It will also focus on teamwork and competing, while playing some fun games.

August 8-10

8-9:30AM Grades 1-6

Willmar Senior High School

\$50

High School Football Camp

Coaches will be teaching drills specific to the position the campers want to play. At the end of each daily session there will be touch football games.

2023-2024 9TH-12TH GRADERS

WEEK 1: JUNE 26-29

EQUIPMENT HANDOUT JUNE 26, RED/WHITE ROOM

SENIORS 9AM

JUNIORS 9:30AM

SOPHOMORES 10AM

FRESHMAN 10:15AM

WEEK 2: JULY 10, 12 & 13

WEEK 3: JULY 17, 19 & 20

9AM-12PM

TURF FIELDS

TOTAL PRICE

\$100

7 V 7 Middle School Flag Football

Middle schoolers, come join in the fun and play flag football with your classmates. Participants are encouraged to attend the youth football training camp where teams will be made. Games will be played on Mondays and Thursdays beginning July 10th through July 27th at the Event/Rec Center turf fields.

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS JULY 10-27

1:30-3:30PM

TURF FIELDS

\$30

Youth Football **Training Camp**

Join the High School Football coaching staff for a 4-day training camp of drills, skills, games, fun competitions and end with a watermelon feed! Participants will be evaluated and placed on even teams for the 2023 Football Season. 1st-4th graders will wear soft helmets Monday-Thursday. Monday and Tuesday-helmets only, Wednesday and Thursday-full pads (5-8th grade) Equipment checkout is Monday August 7th or Tuesday, August 8th from 5-7pm at the Willmar Civic Center.

2023-2024 Grades 1-8

Monday, August 14-

Thursday, August 17

1st-4th Grade: 5-6:30PM

5th-8th Grade: 6:30-8PM

Turf Fields \$55

7 V 7 Little Cardinal

Flag Football

Back again for another fun and competitive season! Participants are encouraged to attend training camp. Teams will be created after the training camp. Team practice will start on August 22nd, and run every Tuesday and Thursday until their first game on September 7th. Once games start, practice will be on Tuesdays and games will be Thursdays. Jamboree will be Saturday, September 23rd.

Tuesdays & Thursdays August 22-September 23

1st-4th Grade

6-7:30PM

**Roosevelt Soccer
Fields**

\$35

5th & 6th Grade In- House Tackle Football

Participants are encouraged to attend youth football training camp to be placed on equal teams. Team practices will begin on Monday, August 21st and will run Monday through Thursday until the first game on September 9th. A game schedule will be sent out at a later date. Once games start, practices will be on Mondays and Tuesdays and games will be on Thursdays. There will be a jamboree on Saturday, September 23rd and Super Saturday, October 14th.

Mondays-Thursdays, August 21- October 14

6-7:30PM West Turf Fields

\$70

Adaptive Swimming

Come join us at the Dorothy Olson Aquatic center on Saturday mornings. We will have a rotation of planned activities and games for the first hour, and free swim for the last half hour. Come for one or come for all sessions. Participants who are 10 and younger will need to have someone 16 years or older in the water with them.



Saturdays, June 17, July 1, 8, 15,
29, August 5 & 12
10-11:30AM

\$5/session or \$30 for all



Adaptive Softball

Hit, run and slide on into this league. Bring your own gloves and be ready for some fun! We will do a few drills to sharpen our skills and then make teams. Care providers are encouraged to stay and help. There will be no softball on Thursday July 6th, or July 20th.

Thursdays, June 22, 29, July 13 & 27

6:45-7:45PM

Swansson Fields-Green

\$15



Adult Summer Softball

Co-Ed

Wednesday Nights
May 24- August 2
Swansson Fields
\$350/Team

Church

Thursday Nights
May 25- August 3
Swansson Fields
\$350/Team

Men's

Monday Nights
May 8- August 7
Swansson Fields
\$350/Team



Woodshop

Looking for a place to make items from wood, do wood carvings, joinery, carpentry, and woodturning? Check out the Community Center Wood shop!

Memberships start at \$70.00/year.

Daily pass for \$10.00

Open Monday-Friday 8:00A-4:30P

Saturday Morning (occurs 1st & 3rd of month) 8A-12P

(Call by Thursday ahead to reserve)

Lutheran Social Service Dining Program

Meet new friends while enjoying a hot and nutritious lunch at the Willmar Community Center.

**Lunch is available for curbside pick-up or dine- in
Monday-Friday between 11:30a-12:30p**

**Please call to order your meal and reserve your spot at
320-262-5288 by noon the day before.**

**This program is for those who are 60 years and up.
A \$5.00 contribution for each meal is suggested.**

**For meal menus, visit www.willmarmn.gov and click on
Community Center or find Willmar Community Center
on Facebook.**

**Monday-Friday
11:30AM-12:30PM**

Live Entertainment Wednesdays

The Willmar Senior Club invites you to come and enjoy some classic tunes with them! Put on your toe tappin' shoes for an afternoon of music! Refreshments to follow. See activity schedule for performance schedule.

Wednesdays

2:30PM

Willmar Community Center

\$2

Afternoon of Dancing!

The Willmar Senior Club invite you to come enjoy a live band and dance the afternoon away to classic tunes. Sit and enjoy the music or dance all afternoon. Refreshments will be served.

Fridays

1-4PM

Willmar Community Center

\$2 Non-Dancers \$7-Dancers

AIM Shelter Workshop Dance

Come out and join staff from AIM to welcome Summer! We encourage you to dress in your "Hawaiian Fun" flare to this dance!

When: Tues., June 27

Time: 6:30-8:30p

Cost: \$5.00

Snacks will be available to purchase.

Questions? Call the Willmar Community Center at 320-262-5288.

Card Playing Days

Whether you are a card shark or just wanting to learn, come spend an afternoon meeting others, having fun and playing cards.

Mondays-Bridge
Tuesday/Thursdays-Hand & Foot
Wednesday- Cribbage
Wednesdays/Fridays-Whist
12:30-4PM
Willmar Community Center
Free

Cribbage Corner

Join us Wednesdays for some Cribbage fun!

Wednesdays | 12:30 pm
FREE!

Boards and cards provided for participants! You are able to bring your own board if you would like!

Farkle Fridays

A classic dice game to reach 10,000 points!

Fridays
12:30-4:30PM
Willmar Community Center
Free

Community Bingo Nights

Come out for some bingo fun!
Win prizes! Make Friends! Have fun!
\$3.00 per person- 2 cards at a time
4th Tuesday of the month
5 pm to 7 pm

Aging Wisely

**Finding "new" Confidence & Purpose.
Join us for sharing and learning to make the most of
the challenges of aging with a renewed purpose!**

Topics:

- Discussing aging concerns
- Eating more healthy foods
- Experiencing and expressing more joy!
- Promoting safety at home
 - Decluttering
- Family Discussions
- Moving

Reasons to attend:

- To socialize
- To learn
- For support
- & for resources

**1st Thursday of the month
1:30-3:30PM**

Upcoming Speakers:

May 4: Mary Hanson, Bethesda

June 1: MaryElin Macht, Lakeland Broadcasting

July 6: Rudy Vigil, WRAC TV

Free

Willmar Area Senior Club

The Willmar Area Seniors Club has several activities for enjoyment. From live music, games and cards, and seasonal parties. We, of course, enjoy socializing and coffee time with others. This club is a great way to stay involved, meet new people, and enjoy an afternoon with friends!

We encourage you to join us!

**Wednesday Meetings
2-3PM**

**Willmar Community Center
Membership: \$15/year, \$10 yearly dues**

MAGIC SHOW!

Come out and enjoy a magic show with A Touch of Magic Entertainment!

This act has received national recognition for their work, are recognized by their peers as the top of the field, combine sophisticated magic with comedic patter, have an impressive list of credentials, & love their jobs!

Prepare to laugh and expect the unexpected!

This performance is suitable for all ages young and wise!



FREE!

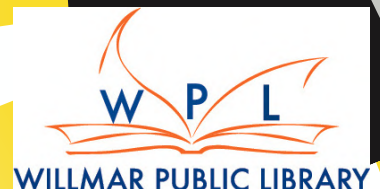
We hope you can join us!

WHEN: Thurs., May 18

TIME: 4:00p

**WHERE: Willmar Community Center
624 HWY 71, Willmar, MN 56201**

Brought to you by:



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Upcoming Events

The Community Center is excited to host a variety of events throughout the Summer! Be sure to check our monthly calendar and Facebook page for more information!

Afternoon Muffins with Mom

Come enjoy an afternoon treat with that special mother, grandmother, aunt, or loved one in your life as we celebrate Mother's Day! All ages welcome!



WHEN: Thurs., May 11

TIME: 4:00p-6:00p

COST: \$3.00 for 2 muffins & beverage

WHERE: Willmar Community Center

624 HWY 71, Willmar, MN 56201

Dogs with Dads BBQ

Bring dad, grandpa, uncle, or loved one for a Father's Day BBQ with us! We will have all the fixings and fun ready to celebrate the father figure in your life!

WHEN: Sat., June 10

TIME: 12-2p

WHERE: Willmar Community Center

624 HWY 71, Willmar, MN 56201

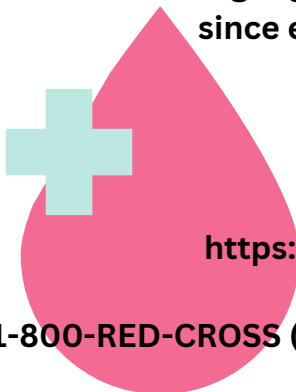


American RedCross Blood Drive

We'll be working together to give back to the community in a truly life changing way since each donation we collect can save up to three lives.

When: Thurs., July 27

Time: appointments from 9a-3p



TO REGISTER:

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Willmar%20Community)

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1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter sponsor code:

Willmar Community

****Must schedule an appointment, Walk-ins welcome, if time allows****

Community Crafts

Unleash your creative side with our craft programs offered throughout each month! Crafts are able to meet the levels of all craft skills! Check our Facebook page or website for more information. See activity calendar.

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Cost Varies

Register in advance at 320-262-5288

May Crafts:

House Plaques

Home Number Plaques!

Choose Frame, numbers, directions!

Add some personal flare!

When: May 23 @ 2:30p

Cost: \$10.00

****Must Register by May 17 @ 4:00p**



Flower Watering Can

Create a fun planter to place out this spring and summer!

Add a paint, sayings, and color to your watering can and finish with a beautiful flower!

When: Thurs., May 11

Time: 3:30p

Cost: \$8.00



Community Crafts

Look for these projects to do with us this Summer!

Call or visit our Facebook page for more information
at 320-262-5288

Marble Gazing Ball

Add a pop of color to your garden with this fun and colorful globe! Participants will get to create a beautiful gazing ball to place in their home or yard! Choose from a variety of colored gems!

Tues, June 6 @ 2:00p

Cost: \$20.00



Flip Flop Door Hanger

Add a flip and flop of Summer to your door with this fun décor door hanger! Create your own word or saying and add own accessories! Perfect for your lakeside cabin!

Thurs., June 15 @ 2:00p

Cost: \$10.00



Snap, Crackle, Pop Decor!

Create this fun festive Fourth of July décor with us!

Tues., June 27 @ 2:00p

Cost: \$10.00



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Garden Star Orbs

Create a cool piece of garden art with
us from a ball and nails!

July 18 @ 2:00p
Cost: \$10.00



Summer Vibes Blocks

What makes you think of Summer?
Come create this cute Summer Vibin'
décor piece!

July 10 @ 4:00p
Cost: \$10.00

Mushroom Garden Toadstool

Add some fun to your garden with
these cute mushroom pots!

July 13 @ 2:00p
Cost: \$20.00



Glue Art!

We are creating art with glue!
This stencil (or freehand) art piece is
created from hot glue and paint!
You will see some cool dimensional art
come to life!

August 15 @ 5:30p
Cost: \$12.00

Community Kitchen

Join us as we get creative in the kitchen with recipes to use in your home!

Call 262-5288 for class information

May 25 @

3:30p:

Salad dressings and homemade crutons!

Come create your own salad dressings to enjoy this Summer! We will be making up a Strawberry Vinaigrette, Maple- Balsamic Vinaigrette, and a Creamy Balsamic with a side of homemade crotons to top your salads with!

Cost: \$10.00 for 3 dressings and crotons!

June 29 @

2:30p :

Hummus dips and homemade flatbread

Whip up your own hummus dip(up to 3 varieties!) and create your own flatbread to dip in!

Cost: \$10.00

Fri., July 28 @

4:30:

Pontoon Party Cobobs & Punch!

We know you are on the go, at the lake, looking for an easy treat to bring to your next gathering! Come try these tasty Pizza Cobobs and Club Cobobs varieties, and pair it with a fun punch recipe too!

Cost: \$26.00

**** August:**

Grilling Marinades!

Its grilling season! Let's create some tasty marinades to try out this summer! Participants will get to create three different marinades and pair great with chicken, beef, or pork!

****Dates for classes yet to be determined, please call for more information****

Community Kitchen: KIDS!

Let's get creative in the kitchen!

We invite youth ages 4-14 to join us to make fun summer snacks!

Kids in the kitchen will learn simple measuring basics, safe treats to make if home alone, and get creative in the kitchen!

Each session kids will make 3 different snacks and recipes to take home!

Thurs., June 8

Thurs., July 6

Thurs., Aug 3

3:00-5:00p

Cost for all 3 classes is \$34.00

Individual classes cost \$14.00

You must register by the Tuesday before class!

Call 262-5288 for class information

SAIL Exercise Class

The SAIL (Staying Active & Independent for Life) program relies upon weight training and balance exercises to protect against fractures cause by osteoporosis by increasing muscular strength, balance and bone density. All skill levels welcome.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10:15-11:15AM

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Free

Youth Theatre Camp!

The Frog Prince - A Hip Hoppity Musical!

Join Nikki Bettcher Erickson & Spotlight Theatre workshop crew for a fun workshop at the Willmar Community Center!

We will sing, dance, wear cool costumes & pull together a fun, music filled mini musical in just 4 days!

This is a great opportunity for any experience level!

Ages: grades 1-8 (going into)

Dates/times:

class/rehearsal 10am-1:30pm July 17, 18, 19, 20

Final performance at 1:30pm on Thursday



Tickets general admission at the door
\$4, children 5 and under are free

Workshop Cost: \$45.00

Items to bring:

Pencil, water bottle, a lunch for breaktime

Solid colored shorts or pants and shirt for final performance day
on the 20th - Thursday.

Little Stars

Join Nikki Bettcher Erickson & Spotlight Theatre workshop crew for a taste of theatre!

We will play fun acting games, make a theatre craft & learn all about what happens onstage and behind the scenes!

Ages: 4-6

Date/Time: July 17, 9:15-10:00am

Items to bring: Just yourself and a can-do attitude!

Cost: \$7

Payment:

Via Check (Payable to Nikki Erickson at below address)
VENMO (email nberickson22@gmail.com to pay via Venmo)

Contact Information:

320-262-9170
nberickson22@gmail.com

Community Center

Community Kids Summer Camp

WED. JUNE
21-AUG 9



Join us Wednesday June 21-August 9 from 1:00-4:00p at the Willmar Community Center! Community Center Kids will enjoy an afternoon of crafts, science, and games! Each week will consist of a different themed with activities and snacks!

Age: 4-12 years old

Cost: \$45.00 total for 9 weeks

Any questions please contact the community center at 262-5288 or contact Britta at bdiem@willmarmn.gov

Fun groups and organizations to look forward to joining us are:

June 21: Welcome Week!

June 28: Hawk Creek Animal Shelter Visits!

July 5: Touch -A-Truck!

July 12: Park Day!

July 19: Let's Visit College!

July 26: Let's Build Something!

August 2: Little Art Gallery Trip!

August 9: Summer Party!

Thank you sponsors!



Veteran's Coffee Social



Informal coffee gathering with others who have served our country both in times of war and peace. **Military service required. Spouses are welcome. Extended invitation to all firefighters, police officers, and rescue squad members.**

**1st & 3rd Mondays of each month
9:30-11AM**

**Willmar Community Center
Free**

Veteran's Gone Boating

The Willmar Community Center and Let's Go Fishing are taking local vets on a boating excursion!

When: Tues., June 20

**Boat departs from Spicer launch at 1:00p
Light refreshments provided by HomeFront
Connection
Free!**

Meet at the Spicer boat launch at 12:30p

Space is limited.

**Sign up at the
Willmar Community
Center.**

320-262-5288



**LET'S GO
FISHING**



Puzzle Exchange Program

Check out a puzzle from our exchange bins! A wide variety of pieces, sizes and difficulty!

**Monday-Friday
8AM-4:30PM**

**Willmar Community Center
FREE**

Drum Circle

Join us weekly for drumming sessions!
Great way to release stress, tension, and create rhythms with others!
All abilities, ages, and cultures welcome!
No experience needed.
Get in touch with your inner rhythm!

Wednesdays from 5p-6p
Donations collected to support Purpose Artisans.

Questions? Contact John or Nicole at purposeartisans@gmail.com

Check Mates Chess Club

A club where you can improve your chess skills, learn more about games and meet other chess enthusiasts.

Mondays 6-8PM
Free! All Ages and skills welcome!
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West Central Connection Barbershop

Love to sing? The West Central Connection Chorus is a men's a cappella chorus that comes together in harmony and enrich lives through singing!

Rehearsals are Mondays @ 7:00p

You are encouraged to come if interested!

Community Center Book Club

Join our Book Club!



Feel free to start this read and mark your calendars to join us on the fourth Monday of the month @ 3:30p to discuss and select next months book!

Free!

May 22, June 26, July 24, & August 28
Questions? Call 262-5288

Doggy's Day Out!

Come bring your furry friend out for an evening at the Community Center!

We will burn off some steam in our obstacle course & meeting with other pups!

After a good play time, will take a snack break to enjoy a cool treat, create a memorable craft, & end our outing with a relaxing puppy massage with K9-Oasis!

Thurs., July 20

4:30-7:30p

Register in advance at 320-262-5288

Cost: \$10.00

Pups must be 6 months of age

Must register in advance

All owners must provide proof of vaccinations, no female does in heat will be allowed. Aggression will not be tolerated. Owners must clean up after their dog and are encouraged to play as well. Water will be available. The City is not responsible for any injuries that could take place within facility.



Goat Yoga

Come unwind and stretch with instructor, Kim and baby goats from
Ziemer Farms Myotonics!
These goats will be supervised with volunteer staff of Hawk Creek Animal
Shelter.



Monday, June 19 @ 5:30p-6:30p
Cost: \$20.00 (portion will be donated to HCAS)
Where: Willmar Community Center
Must register in advance at 320-262-5288



Community Thread Studio

Do you have questions about your sewing machine?
Have a crinkle in your stitch?

Want to create your own clothing or home items? This is the
group for you! Come to Community Thread Studio!

This Studio is staffed with two excellent sewing gurus to help
you start a project, navigate through a problem, or simply just
learn about your machine! We welcome all to come join us and
work on their projects, meet other sewers, and learn new
sewing skills!

Summer Sessions:

May 9 @ 2-4p

June 13 @ 2-4p

July 11 @ 2-4p

Open for grade 4 and up.

Cost: \$5.00/ session

** Supplies Needed Before First Class** :

- Fabric: 3/4yd & 1/3 yd (band) Cotton or cotton-poly, wash beforehand, must be 45 in wide
- All-purpose thread- Color of choice!
- Cutting Shears

*Supplies can be found at Hobby Lobby or JoAnn Fabrics! *

Community Center

Rent the Willmar Community Center



**Looking for a space to hold your next event?
The Willmar Community Center is the perfect venue!**

Great for holding: Family reunions, birthday parties, wedding receptions, graduation parties, company meetings and trainings, and bridal/baby showers!

**Contact us today to make your reservation at
262-5288 or bdiem@willmarmn.gov**

**Willmar Community Center
Facility rates:**

**Sunshine room (holds 30 people): \$75 (+\$30/hour staff)
Burlington Northern/Selvig Rooms: \$125 (+\$30/hour staff)**

Stay update with events at the Community Center!



**Sign up for our monthly emails by contacting
Britta at bdiem@willmarmn.gov!**



**Follow us on Facebook for updates on
upcoming events and programs!**

Little Art Gallery



Little Art Gallery- Willmar are little gallery boxes that will be placed throughout the city of Willmar. This program will be free for participants to submit their art creations to the Willmar Community Center staff, who will then create displays throughout the month following a fun theme in galleries placed around Willmar! Participants of all ages can join in the art gallery displays, and costs would be kept to a minimum to serve all of the Community of Willmar.

What is The Little Art Gallery?:

The Little Art Gallery is an inclusive art project hosted by the Willmar Community Center. We hope that creatives of all ages and backgrounds in the community will explore their creative skills and use these galleries to express their talents! The Little Art Gallery Program strives to create community connections, inclusion and engagement towards creating different art! We encourage artists to use any art medium that will fit in our 12"x20" gallery!

Interested in contributing to the Galleries?

Contact the Community Center at 320-262-5288!



Gallery Box Locations:

- Robbins Island**
- Willmar Public Library**
- Ridgewater College**
- Swansson Field Complex (2)**
- Bethesda Willmar**